



## Terrill Collier Collier Arbor Care President

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### Project Description

A three-year community-wide effort among ODOT, Friends of Trees and Metro to green the I-205 Multi-Use Path with thousands of native trees and shrubs.

### Benefits

- Improved neighborhood livability
- Enhanced experience for path users
- Increased wildlife habitat
- Decreased stormwater runoff
- Increased environmental equity among communities

### Project Funding

- \$410,000 Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure's Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant
- \$80,000 from East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Generous support from:
  - J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.
  - IKEA
  - Cantel Sweeping
  - Collier Arbor Care
  - HSBC Bank USA, N.A.
  - Portland General Electric
  - Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

Collier Arbor Care President Terrill Collier knows a thing or two about planting trees. A master arborist, his expertise lent well at a recent planting (led by Friends of Trees and ODOT) along the I-205 Multi-Use Path in the Montavilla neighborhood of southeast Portland.

Sponsored by Collier Arbor Care, the March 20 planting was part of a three-year project among Friends of Trees, ODOT and Metro to plant thousands of native trees and shrubs along the I-205 Multi-Use Path, which is used extensively by pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. Collier and his children took part in the planting.

"It's a real pleasure seeing ODOT plant trees along this corridor," Collier said during the morning's opening remarks.

In an effort to increase urban tree canopy, Collier Arbor Care regularly teams up with Friends of Trees to plant trees in targeted neighborhoods. Eastmoreland – hit particularly hard by dutch elm disease – has been a focus for the company, but they also plant at various locations, explained Collier.

A second generation owner of Collier Arbor Care, Collier has children who will one day assume leadership roles in the organization and become the third generation of Colliers to head up the business, which has operated in the Portland area since 1937.

Participating in tree plantings across the nation as well as in the local community is an important part of the Collier family tradition. They have planted trees in places all across the United States. Last year they planted oak trees in Louisiana due to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and later this year, the Collier family will travel to Illinois to plant more trees.



*Collier Arbor Care President Terrill Collier spent the morning of March 20 planting trees along the I-205 Multi-Use Path in Montavilla - the neighborhood where he grew up.*

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"We are not really planting trees for me, it's for future generations, for the community," explained Collier.

Volunteerism and service to the community is important to Collier. He is a volunteer with the Portland Urban Forestry Council and the outgoing chair of the Tree Care Industry Association, a national organization for arborists and commercial tree care services.

As a cyclist who uses the I-205 Multi-Use Path, Collier recognizes the importance of planting trees along this key transportation corridor.

"I've noticed the path is loud and noisy and there is a lack of trees," he commented.

In addition to enhancing the path for bordering neighborhoods and everyone who uses it, the plantings will reduce air pollution, minimize storm-water runoff into streams and rivers, and provide habitat for wildlife and songbirds.

The March 20 planting along the path at SE 95<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne was especially fitting for Terrill as he used to live in the Montavilla neighborhood.

"I grew up in this community. I had a house and business about ten blocks from this exact location," he said. "So this is coming back to my roots and planting trees."



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